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SHEEP, LAMB, AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2018

ARIZONA

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 125,000 head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2017, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 9 percent from last year to 88,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 12 percent to 37,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 22 percent to 18,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 4 percent from last year to 65,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 5,000 head, are down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 37,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 5,000 head were market sheep and 32,000 head were market lambs. There were 10,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 3,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 13,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 head last year; and 7,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 8,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop, at 41,000 head, was down 9 percent from the 2016 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2017 totaled 610,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 90,000 head, was down 5 percent from 95,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2017 totaled \$549,000, and was down 10 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$0.90 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.00 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 6 percent from last year to 33,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 27,000 head on January 1, 2018, unchanged from last year. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 105,000 pounds, down 16 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 28,000 head, was down 7 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2017 totaled \$126,000, and was down 28 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.20 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.40 the previous year.

COLORADO

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 445,000 head, up 6 percent from January 1, 2017, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 3 percent from last year to 195,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 14 percent to 250,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 3 percent to 33,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 3 percent from last year to 156,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 250,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 3,000 head were market sheep and 247,000 head were market lambs. There were 4,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 24,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 6,000 head from the previous year; 66,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 52,000 head last year; and 153,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 141,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop, at 185,000 head, was up 3 percent from the 2016 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2017 totaled 2.10 million pounds, down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 310,000 head, was up 2 percent from 305,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2017 totaled \$3.78 million, and was down 3 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.80 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.70 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 23,000 head on January 1, 2018, compared with 25,000 head last year and milk goats totaled 9,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.

MONTANA

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 225,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2017, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 3 percent from last year to 195,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 30,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 11 percent to 39,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 6 percent from last year to 150,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 30,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 29,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 9,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged head from the previous year; 8,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 11,000 head last year; and 11,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 7,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop, at 190,000 head, was unchanged from the 2016 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2017 totaled 1.75 million pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 195,000 head, was down 3 percent from a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2017 totaled \$3.33 million, and was down 3 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.90 per pound of wool sold, unchanged from the previous year.

NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 96,000 head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2017, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 80,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 7 percent to 16,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 11 percent to 16,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent from last year to 58,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older,

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at 6,000 head, are up 1,000 head from last year. Of the 16,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 14,000 head were market lambs. There were 4,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 3,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 4,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 3,000 head last year; and 3,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 2,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop, at 45,000 head, was down 4 percent from the 2016 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2017 totaled 615,000 pounds, down 12 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 81,000 head, was down 9 percent from 89,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2017 totaled \$984,000, and was down 6 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.60 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.50 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 10 percent from last year to 9,500 head. Mohair production in New Mexico totaled 30,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 7,000 head, was down 13 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2017 totaled \$42,000, and was up 17 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.40 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.20 the previous year.

UTAH

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 275,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2017, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 250,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 25 percent to 25,000 head. The number of replacement lambs was unchanged at 42,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent from last year to 200,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 8,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 25,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 21,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 4,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 1,000 head from the previous year; 5,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds unchanged from last year; and 9,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 8,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop, at 230,000 head, was unchanged from the 2016 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2017 totaled 2.30 million pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 245,000 head, was unchanged from a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2017 totaled \$4.14 million, and was unchanged from a year earlier as producers received \$1.80 per pound of wool sold, unchanged from the previous year.

WYOMING

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 345,000 head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2017, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 5 percent from last year to 260,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 85,000 head. The number of replacement lambs was unchanged at 43,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 7 percent from last year to 210,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 85,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 81,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 13,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 4,000 head from the previous year; 36,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 44,000 head last year; and 31,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 28,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop, at 235,000 head, was down 4 percent from the 2016 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2017 totaled 2.20 million pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 270,000 head, was down 4 percent from 280,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2017 totaled \$4.40 million, and was down 4 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.00 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.90 per pound the previous year.

UNITED STATES

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2018 totaled 5.23 million head, down slightly from 2017. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.83 million head on January 1, 2018, decreased 1 percent from 3.88 million head on January 1, 2017. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.01 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2018 totaled 1.40 million head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2017. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2017 lamb crop of 3.20 million head was down 2 percent from 2016. The 2017 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2017, unchanged from 2016. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2017 was 24.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2016. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.44 million head, down 4 percent from 2016. The average price paid for wool sold in 2017 was \$1.47 per pound for a total value of 36.4 million dollars, down 3 percent from 37.7 million dollars in 2016. Sheep death loss during 2017 totaled 213 thousand head, down 2 percent from 2016. Lamb death loss decreased 2 percent from 373 thousand head to 367 thousand head in 2017.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2018 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2017. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.16 million head, down slightly from 2017. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 459 thousand head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2017 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, down slightly from 2016. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.10 million head on January 1, 2018, down 1 percent from 2017. Milk goat inventory was 380 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2017, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 142 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2017 was 725 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 133 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.5 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.00 per pound with a value of 3.62 million dollars.

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2017, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to goats and kids inventory or kid crop at the United States level. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to sheep and lambs inventory and no change was made to the lamb crop. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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